526 informants have been unable to come to the school to talk two
461 afternoons a week on account of the cricket. This for two weeks before Christmas. Other sport practise has been running and teka throwing in preparation for the sport program in
527 the new year. On the days before Christmas, they have been
744 busy getting food for the women's tutaka, and, along with the
241 women, cleaning up village grounds and houses in preparation for the visit of Metua Henry's health committee of women. This visit duly occurred on the Wednesday before Christmas. In the week before Christmas, the people of Ngake lifted the la'ui on Ko and all went across to Ko for three days to collect nuts and talo, and to fertilize the beds with lau kotawa and to do more excavating of new beds. Loto also went to its motu on Wale to collect nuts, and Yato sent 30 lopas across to Kotawa on one day to bring back nuts.

Man's cricket continues today, December 28th. Tomorrow fishing to replenish supplies badly run short in the recent four days' holiday. New Year next Tuesday, embracing women's cricket and a three or more days' sport program.

527 New Year Activities.
526 Xmas activities closed on Saturday, December 29th. Monday was devoted to preparing food for New Year. New Year games started on Tuesday, January 1st. On this day was church, then all the people stayed in the churchyard, people from each village grouped under its own shelter. First there was imene, in which singers from each village sat on the grass in the sun and sang for an hour each. Then tug-of-war between teams from each village, including women's tug-of-war. Finally running races, in which runners from each village visited in turn each other village. Wednesday, January 2nd: Wrestling was held in the churchyard throughout each day, the people grouped under their shelters as before. Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, were devoted to women's cricket, in which two teams from each village visited in turn and played against teams from the other two villages. The team is waka and the visit is tele, e.g., wakatele, the canoe sails. Saturday was devoted to food, fishing for the men's tutaka on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday, January 7th and 8th, devoted to tekateka, velovelo, and coconut husking and climbing. Thus the sports program of
527 Christmas and New Year lasted two weeks. It was all under
796 the auspices of and supervised by, the deacons of the London
798 Missionary Church. Each day started and finished with prayer by one of the church deacons present, and of course all the

527 activities took place in the churchyard or near-by. Members
794 of the Seventh Day Adventists and Roman Catholic sects have
798 not been present officially at any of the games, though many of the former have attended, including their pastor, for the wrestling. The absence of the Roman Catholics severely weakened some of the teams, but the pastors of both the London Missionary Society and the Roman Catholic Church will have nothing to do with each other.

527 The long period of sports meant a certain shortage of food.
262 The men went fishing early in the morning whenever it was possible, but there was in general little fish or talo in the villages and the most that people had was nuts. Each day the spectators of the sports, and this includes almost everyone on the island, all being out to enjoy the sports, and the company of their fellows, took with them a bundle of nuts and these eaten during the day together with more nuts, or a little fish at night, constituted the sole food of most for a week. The two Saturdays gave the woman a chance to prepare talo and the men to do extended fishing.

159 Dreams.

Veti: old man 60 years old, deacon of the church, etc. Had been talki .g to men of the village in a village discussion. Went home to sleep. Dreamt that he saw five Chinese. All Pukapukan people were gathered together in the church for the anointing of new members. Missionary and the deacons entered. But they could not start, they had to wait for Talainga and himself and the five Chinese. Though he had seen Chinese in Pukapuka off ships that called, he wouldn't have known that these were Chinese had he not been told by the people. Finally, after a delay, Veti led the five into the church. The deacons would not speak to him, excepting only Talainga, who asked why he had kept the five out so long. The Chinese started to talk Chinese, which Veti understood. The Chinese swore at Talainga, and told Veti to swear at him too, in Chinese, but he couldn't do this. Then they swore at the deacons, and Veti entreated them to stop. Frightened he led them out of the church; the congregation came out and the dream ended.

(Both Talainga and Veti had been working very assiduously at the sessions on ethnology; in addition, Veti was dictating old maka to Talainga to record.)

Lita, MitiMoa's wife: Dreamed that she walked along to the beach where she saw her grandson. She joined him and together they went out to the reef to fish. The little boy disappeared, having fallen through a hole. She cried out for him but could not find him. Then, suddenly the hole in the reef changed into